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The purpose of this prior art is to avoid irregularity and slack portion in a seam or sewn line in a cover for vehicle interior article. First and second cover material (21) (22) are sewn together by a thread (23) at their respective end portions along a sewn line (25), in such a manner that the seam allowance portion (21a) of the first cover material (21) is retained in the state of projecting horizontally, while the seam allowance portion (22a) of the second cover material (22) is bent and sewn by a thread (24) with the inward side of the second cover material (22), as shown in Fig. 3 to 4. The thus-formed sewn cover assembly is shown in Fig. 5. As shown in Fig. 2, a padding material (21) is provided, which has a first groove region (11a) formed in correspondence with such horizontally projected seam allowance portion (21a) of first cover material (21) and a second groove region (11b) formed in correspondence with the bent and sewn seam allowance portion (22a) of second cover material. Then, the sewn cover assembly

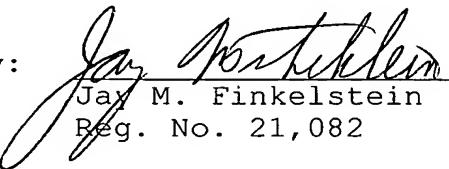
is attached on the padding material (21) by fitting the two seam allowance portions (22a) (22b) in and along the respective first and second groove regions (11a) (11b). Hence, there is no irregularity and slack portion in the sewn line (25).

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